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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the communication from the Examiner mailed May 31, 1996. The Examiner held that the Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. 1.129(a) were non-responsive to the prior Office Action because the drawing sheets referred to by Applicant did not accompany the submission and Applicants did not respond to the objection on page 2, lines 1-3, of Paper No. 36 concerning the objection to the oath or declaration.

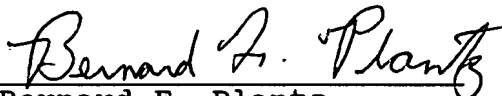
Enclosed for the Examiner's consideration are red-lined copies of Figs. 9 and 10 showing the proposed drawing changes. Fig. 9 has been modified by extending the lines from reference numerals 12 and 13. Fig. 8 was not modified since reference numerals 12 and 13 are

not present in this drawing. Fig. 10 was amended to extend the lines from reference numeral 17. It is respectfully submitted that these proposed drawing corrections overcome the objections raised by the Examiner on page 2, lines 10-14, of the Office Action mailed March 24, 1994 (Paper No. 28).

With respect to the informalities concerning the non-initialed alterations to the Declaration, Applicants request that the requirement to submit a substitute Declaration be deferred until the application is found to be allowable by the Examiner. See M.P.E.P. 602.03, and in particular, Form Paragraph 6.46.

If the Examiner believes that a personal or telephonic interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned should be contacted at 908-524-2771.

Respectfully Submitted,


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Enclosures: Amended Figs. 9 and 10